



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 24, 2018**

**Motion 15183**

**Proposed No. 2018-0319.2**

**Sponsors Dembowski**

1           A MOTION creating a planning process for a potential  
2           bond to support capital improvement at Harborview  
3           Medical Center.

4           WHEREAS, The Harborview Medical Center was founded in 1877 as a six-bed  
5 county hospital in South Seattle, and

6           WHEREAS, the hospital relocated to its current location in 1931, and

7           WHEREAS, the hospital now has four hundred and thirteen beds, seven primary  
8 care clinics and forty-nine other specialty clinics, and

9           WHEREAS, the hospital provides over sixty thousand emergency visits and more  
10 than a quarter million clinic visits each year, and

11           WHEREAS, the hospital is maintained as a public hospital to provide healthcare  
12 to those groups of patients and programs that are determined to require priority treatment,  
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14           WHEREAS, the hospital is owned by King County, overseen by the Harborview  
15 Medical Center Board of Trustees and operated by the University of Washington, and

16           WHEREAS, the hospital is the only level one adult and pediatric trauma center  
17 serving the states of Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho, and the hospital provides  
18 specialized comprehensive emergency services to patients and serves as the disaster  
19 preparedness and control hospital for Seattle and King County, and

20 WHEREAS, the voters of King County have supported the hospital with a  
21 number of bond measures over the years, most recently in the year 2000 with a \$243  
22 million bond, and

23 WHEREAS, the medical center now needs additional capital funding to improve  
24 facilities, better serve the mission population and maintain modern seismic standards, and

25 WHEREAS, the mission of Harborview Medical Center is: to provide healthcare  
26 for the most vulnerable residents of King County; to provide and teach exemplary patient  
27 care; to provide care for a broad spectrum of patients from throughout the region; and to  
28 develop and maintain leading-edge centers of emphasis, and

29 WHEREAS, the following populations are given priority for care at Harborview:  
30 persons who are non-English-speaking poor, persons who are uninsured or underinsured,  
31 persons who experience domestic violence, persons who experience sexual assault,  
32 persons incarcerated in King County's jails, persons with mental illness, particularly those  
33 treated involuntarily, persons with substance abuse issues, persons with sexually  
34 transmitted diseases, persons who require specialized emergency care, persons who  
35 require trauma care and persons who require burn care;

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

37 A. The executive, in cooperation with the Harborview Medical Center Board of  
38 Trustees and the University of Washington, will convene a Harborview leadership group  
39 to identify hospital and community needs should a bond measure go forward. The group  
40 shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the county council and shall  
41 consist, at a minimum of the following members:

42 1. At least two representatives of the county executive;

- 43           2. At least two county councilmembers or designees;
- 44           3. Two members of the Harborview Medical Center Board of Trustees;
- 45           4. The Harborview Medical Center Executive Director;
- 46           5. The UW Medicine Chief Health System Officer or designee;
- 47           6. At least two representatives of labor unions representing employees at the
- 48 Harborview Medical Center;
- 49           7. A representative of the First Hill community;
- 50           8. At least two representatives of the mission populations served by
- 51 Harborview; and
- 52           9. The Harborview Medical Center Medical Director.

53           B. The Harborview leadership group is charged with making recommendations  
54 on the capital program to the Capital Planning Oversight Committee at Harborview.  
55 The recommendations then proceed to the Harborview Medical Center Board of  
56 Trustees, the county executive and the county council.

57           C. The recommendations shall address the clinical facility master plan needs of  
58 the hospital and include, at a minimum:

- 59           1. An evaluation of the size and scope of a potential bond effort;
- 60           2. Exploration of the possibility of private philanthropy that could be anticipated
- 61 were such an effort to go forward;
- 62           3. An evaluation of inclusion of the needs of the department of public health;
- 63           4. An evaluation of housing needs of the mission population and how the bond
- 64 could address those needs;
- 65           5. An evaluation of how the project could address the needs of those impacted

66 by the Involuntary Treatment Act;

67           6. An evaluation of how best to address behavioral health needs;

68           7. Whether bond proceeds should be invested in public health facilities beyond  
69 the Harborview campus to better serve residents countywide; and

70           8. Whether bond funds for other public safety infrastructure needs should be  
71 included and, if so, for what needs.

72           D. The county will make resources available to the planning group, pending

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73 appropriation, to fund studies, analyses and other needs to prepare the best set of  
74 recommendations.  
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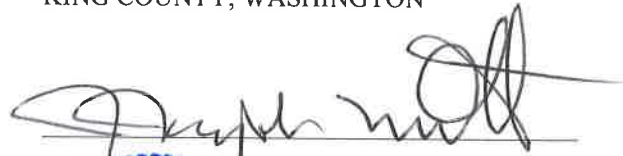
Motion 15183 was introduced on 7/16/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/23/18, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci

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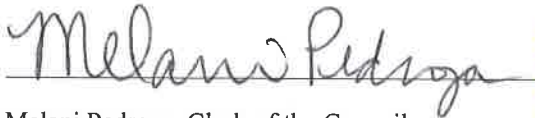
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



**Attachments:** None